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## Comparative Tax Rates Of All County Towns Interesting Study

The completion of the work of fixing the tax rates for the various towns of the county by their respective boards of assessors now provides a most interesting study. The average county tax rate is about seven cents below the average rate of last year, but the fact remains that taxpayers will pay more or less according to the fixed rate of their own community. Monroe has the lowest rate of \$15, while the highest levy is that of Leverett with \$45. The second highest tax rate is that of Orange with \$43 and Northfield is third with \$38. Fourteen towns made reductions that year and include Ashfield, Buckland, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Shutesbury, Sunderland and Warwick. Those with increases are Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Leverett, Leyden, Northfield, Orange, Wendell and Rowe. Those remaining the same are Conway, Shelburne and Whately.

The tax rates for the twenty-six towns of Franklin county for 1941 and 1940 are as follows:

	1941	1940
Ashfield	\$23.00	\$27.00
Barnardston	27.50	23.00
Buckland	21.00	22.00
Charlemont	33.00	29.00
Colrain	36.00	34.00
Conway	28.00	28.00
Deerfield	21.90	24.60
Erving	24.00	25.00
Gill	18.00	26.50
Greenfield	28.00	29.20
Hawley	34.00	35.00
Heath	36.00	38.00
Leverett	45.00	41.00
Leyden	28.00	24.00
Monroe	15.00	16.00
Montague	32.00	36.00
New Salem	33.60	34.50
Northfield	38.00	34.00
Orange	43.00	41.00
Rowe	31.00	28.00
Shelburne	24.00	24.00
Shutesbury	20.00	22.00
Sunderland	28.00	29.00
Warwick	32.00	36.00
Wendell	30.00	25.00
Whately	25.00	25.00

## Plays Well Given By Chateau Players

The Chateau Players entertained a large group of hotel guests and friends on Monday evening at the Chateau, with two most interesting plays. The first presentation was "Madness and Triple Time" with Miss Frances Eddy, Miss Mary Eddy, Miss Betty Grover, Al Raymond and Dr. Cyril Richardson, as the characters. In "Poor Dear Aunt Maria" the characters were taken by Miss Dorothy Churchill, Miss Betty Spencer, James Lyons, Al Raymond and Dr. Richardson. All played their parts well and merited the applause and appreciation shown by the audience. It proved to be an evening of rare enjoyment and it is hoped that the Chateau Players may again appear in following performances.

## Annapolis Vacancy

Our representative in Congress, from this district, Allen T. Treadway, announces that there will be a vacancy at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, in the summer of 1942. The civil service will conduct a preliminary test in the district the latter part of October, 1941, and the four candidates receiving the highest ratings will be certified to the navy department for the final entrance examination to be given in the spring of 1942.

## Property Transfers

During the past week the following real estate transfers have been recorded at the registry: Susan M. Winter of Boston to Annie G. Winter of Lawrence, land west of Highland Avenue. Harold F. Bigelow to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt C. Skilton, 14 acres east of the Gulf road. Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Hallam to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mathieu, land west of Highland Ave.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

On account of the closing of Buffum's Gas Station at 7 o'clock, until further notice all Thursday office hours of the Tax Collector will be at the Town Hall.  
Thursday  
Afternoon 1 to 4 p. m.  
Friday  
Evening 5 to 8 p. m.

## Elect Syracuse Minister President Rustic Ridge Committees Are Named

The annual meeting of the Rustic Ridge association, Northfield's largest summer colony, was held last week at the cottage of Miss M. B. Curtis with a large attendance of the property owners. Dr. C. C. Woodruff of New York, N. J., who has served for many years in an efficient manner, presided. Reports for the year showed the association to be in a flourishing condition, and with a balance of \$420 in the treasury. Many improvements have been made to the grounds and the highways and further road improvements are contemplated. It was stated that ten available cottages were rented and the remainder occupied by the owners. The association's tax rate remains the same as last year, one percent of the assessed valuation. Some money is outstanding in unpaid taxes and such persons will be denied the use of the electric service until taxes are paid. A memorial service was held for those members of the association who had died during the past year and included Rev. J. F. Russell, Miss Julia Edwards, Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, and Rev. A. N. Thompson. Ambert G. Moody was a guest at the meeting and gave a brief history of the establishment of the Rustic Ridge and of the first cottage, which was built by Dr. Thompson. Today it constitutes four distinct sections. Following the business the annual election of officers was held and it resulted in the choice of Rev. Arthur L. Berger of Syracuse, N. Y., as president to succeed Dr. Woodruff who would not again serve. Vice-president, Dr. W. H. Bohman; treasurer, Rev. W. H. Desjardines; corresponding secretary, Miss Dorothy Brure.

The following committees were then announced: Tree committee, Francis Jones, Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins, Dr. Woodruff; road, Thomas J. Duncan, Gordon Willard, W. F. Townsend; milk, Miss Lucy Jackson, Miss Louise Roe, Miss Alice Pedley; waste removal, Mrs. C. W. Wright, Miss Josephine Moody, Miss Therese Simar; neighborhood, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mrs. W. S. Voorhies, Rev. C. M. Akerman; hospitality, Mrs. H. P. Bruce, Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Mr. L'Honnemieu; misquito, Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins.

Rev. W. H. Giebel was designated as the real estate agent for the Rustic Ridge association. The three food sales this summer netted over \$50 for the permanent road fund, besides providing for three social afternoons at the homes of members.

## Needs More Clothing

It is good news to know that 11 boxes of clothing have been sent to England as a result of the War Relief barrell outside the IGA store in this town. But 11 boxes are far from being adequate to help in the drastic needs of the coming winter for those human beings who endure the most cruel and severe experiences across the seas. A recent letter of thanks referred to the clothing and added, "But special thanks for the two quilts you included." In every Ridge cottage and year-around home in our village there is probably one blanket or old quilt that could be spared. At a British War Relief benefit in Providence, on the back of each ticket was printed, "Bring a blanket." As a result of this suggestion, 1500 worth of blankets were piled high in the lobby of the armory, where the benefit cleared \$3000.

Instead of packing away a lot of old sweaters for the moths and squirrels to gnaw on, leave them in the barrell, or at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt.

## Flower Show A Record

Nothing but words of praise and appreciation have been expressed by visitors to the recent flower show in the Chateau, sponsored by the local Garden club. There were 920 individual visitors and 225 individual entries. Last year the attendance was 865 with 207 entries. Visitors represented 14 states and four countries. The design and display of Philip Porter on the Chateau steps of the American flag and Victory "V" met with popular applause and pronounced as his best effort. In the popular vote for a single exhibit, R. C. Allen & Son of Bernardston won. The flower shows of the past two years have made a favorable bit of advertising for this community and afford an example and pattern for many others to study. A full report of the show will be given at the annual meeting of the Garden club.

## LEST WE FORGET—Our Holland Friends



A year ago, during the summer months, this community was privileged to have in their midst a family from Holland, consisting of a mother, her two sons and their families, as well as the father and mother of a wife of one of the sons. Many persons in our community were privileged to meet them and became acquainted, but for obvious reasons, we do not print their names in this article. In the photograph shown above, the family were greeted on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hoehn, who were the hosts to these Holland refugees, and whose story of experiences in leaving the homeland and finally arriving in America is filled with pathos, hardships, and sacrifice. As cold weather set in, the party left Northfield, and today, they are located on Long Island and well employed. All have filed to become American citizens. Friends in the community who helped to make their stay pleasant, will be glad to learn that now through perseverance and personal effort they are comfortably located and meeting life's problems successfully. They came to Northfield and became much attached to the community and hope some day to return for a long visit. A recent letter states that they "just love Northfield and its fine people." The story of their coming here is well known, through the facts published in the "Press" last summer and it is not necessary to repeat it now. Again this year, friends had the opportunity to open some hospice for refugees from other countries, but no place seemed available as "Home Home" had been rented for this season to summer vacationists.

## Changes In Teachers Of The Local Schools

With the opening of our schools next Tuesday, several changes will be found in the teaching staff. There will be two new teachers in the high school faculty. They are Miss Margaret Vannah of Monson, a graduate of Vassar Institute and Massachusetts State college, who will teach commercial subjects, and Miss Dorothy Rich of Brighton, a graduate of Radcliffe college, who will teach English, French and Spanish. The other teachers are Richard A. Cobb, principal; Miss Evelyn Lawley, Miss Julia Austin and Miss Agnes Casey.

For Center school, George Leonard will be the principal and teach the eighth grade in mathematics and science. He returns to Northfield after teaching two years in Paxton. Miss Dorothy Giddings, a graduate of the Bridgewater State Teachers college, will teach the first grade in place of Miss Margaret Hubbard. Miss Ruth Hawkins has the second grade and has taught in the local schools one year. Miss Mary Dalton, third grade, and Miss Dorothy Totman, fourth grade, have taught many years in the local school system. Miss Helen Wozniak, a graduate of Framingham Teachers' college, will teach the fifth grade, taking the place of Miss Ruth Tangly, who resigned. Miss Braley, sixth grade, teaching English and spelling, and Mrs. Esther Williams, seventh grade, teaching social science and music, have had these grades for several years. Mrs. Marion Goodspeed will be music supervisor as in previous years.

## Congregational Church

Rev. E. C. Dahl, Minister Sunday, Aug. 31: 10 a. m., church school meets in all departments; 11 o'clock, morning worship with sermon by Prof. Cyril Richardson of Union Theological seminary, and special music by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Raymond. At 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor. Mr. Dahl will meet with the society at this first meeting of the season.

Thursday, Sept. 4: 7:15 p. m. prayer meeting in the church, followed by choir rehearsal at 8.

## Public Inspects School

As announced in last week's "Press," the new Center school building was opened on Wednesday afternoon and evening for inspection by our citizens. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to go through the building and its various rooms and were greeted by members of the school committee and a number of the teachers. All visitors seemed to be much impressed with the facilities accorded for the education of our young people.

## First Aid Class Completes Its Course Certificates Awarded

Fifty members of the first aid class, which has been meeting in the town hall for the past ten weeks, have completed the American Red Cross standard first aid course and received their certificates last Monday evening. The final meeting, which was to have been celebrated with an outdoor picnic at the Bigelow camp, was held in the vestry of the Congregational church because of bad weather. Certificates were awarded to the following:

Advance certificate, Jack Polhemus.

Standard certificate, Kenneth Bolton, Richard Barrows, Emma Bigelow, George Bronson, Mrs. John Bassette, Mrs. George Carr, Gene Cullum, Priscilla Colton, Duncan Campbell, Blanche Corser, Paul Chamberlain, Rosalie Cossett, Mary Dalton, Chris Eckhoff, Norton Field, Carleton Finch, Eaton Freeman, Doris Harriott, Ruth Kimball, Mabel I. Livingston, Charles Mayberry, Mrs. Charles Mayberry, Bertha Martindale, Mrs. E. L. McIntire, Mrs. Esther Merrill, Mrs. William Miller, Doris Peaslee, Mrs. Willis Parker, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Arthur Platt, Gordon Pyper, Mrs. Gordon Pyper, Mrs. Frank Pearsall, Carroll Rikert, Mrs. Carroll Rikert, Mabel Richardson, Clara Ross, Charles Repeta, Mrs. Emory Rikert, Katherine Solaz, Therese Solaz, Josephine Solaz, Agnes Simar, Lois Sutherland, Elsie Stenberg, Hazel Schooley, Betty Woodruff, Dorothy Woodruff, and Mrs. Allen Wright.

Henry Aates and Raymond George, who have instructed the class in first aid, presented the awards. In appreciation of the time and effort they have given to this instruction, the class presented Mr. Oates and Mr. George with gift certificates.

Among the guests at the meeting were four members of the Northfield committee on public safety, which has sponsored this series of classes. They were Dr. Richard G. Holton, in charge of public relations; Harold Bigelow, construction of bomb shelters; Charles Johnson, fire protection; and Capt. William Marshall, air raid warden. Other members of the committee who were unable to attend are George McEwan, chairman; Dr. Allen H. Wright, in charge of the medical division; and A. Gordon Moody, transportation and supplies. Captain Marshall outlined briefly the purpose and method of operation of the aerial observation post to be established on the Seminary campus in early September.

George Billings of the Greenfield fire department, who is in charge of first aid instruction, gave a short talk on the importance of keeping up to date on first aid methods and the part to be played by those who have completed the course in furthering their local defense program.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and birthday greetings extended to Dr. Bronson who was celebrating his 70th birthday the following day.

Approximately 25 members of the class who have received certificates for the standard course have enrolled in an additional 10-hour course for advance certificates which will start some time in September. A second standard first aid course will be held in October for those who were unable to attend the summer classes.

## Garden Club Members Meets Next Wednesday

An important meeting of the Northfield Garden club will be held at Alexander hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 3, at 7:45 o'clock when a full report of the recent flower show will be given. President Miss Anne Mattson will preside. The nominating committee to name officers for the ensuing year will also present its report. Because of the importance of the meeting a large attendance will be expected.

## Attended The Hearing

Selectmen of the county attended a meeting at the court house in Greenfield last Friday for a conference with Commissioner Herman A. McDonald of the state department of Public Works, regarding their requests for assistance by county and state for work desired to be secured under the provisions of Chapter 90. For Northfield, Selectmen Carl L. Mason made a request for a grant for the continuation of the Warwick road improvement, and also for the painting of the Schell bridge. His request was given favorable consideration and so received by Mr. McDonald.

## Franklin County Fair Will Attract Many Large Number Entries

With a record number of entries being received in all exhibition classes, the 92nd annual Franklin County Fair will open in a complete way. The pre-fair ticket sale indicates that all attendance records will be broken for this annual fair which will continue from Monday thru Wednesday, Sept. 8-10.

A special feature of this year's fair will be the state championship potato picking contest scheduled for Wednesday afternoon following the horse races. Competing for a magnificent trophy, which will be presented by Gov. Saltonstall, eight county champions will meet to determine the 1941 Mass. champion. The winner of the contest at Greenfield will later represent this state in the eastern seaboard challenged championship event.

The calibre of entries being received gives promise that the full program of harness racing on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be outstanding. A fast field of starters will be seen on each of the two days of racing.

The night shows at the fair will feature a special concert by the Greenfield Military Band, all-star hyperdrome vaudeville and an augmented display of fireworks. The outstanding acts of vaudeville program include the world famous high driver, Bee Kyle; the animated mechanical cow, Fi-Fi; and her patient milk maid, Olive Miles; Ruten's dogs, displaying extraordinary canine intelligence in their difficult tricks; Paul Mix will present trick roping; and the fireworks will feature brilliant pyrotechnics with the sinking of the Bismarck concluding each evening's performance.

True to tradition, the fair remains as always, an agricultural fair. Extensive dairy herds, horticultural displays and products of the home will fill the barns and exhibition halls to capacity. Clean wholesome fun for young and old will be found on the extensive midway which will be comprised of new rides, new games and new shows.

Following the plan which has been in force for many years, the 1941 fair will be conducted with a night show on the opening day, Sept. 8, all day and a night show on the second day, Sept. 9, with the concluding events of the fair and the county athletic meet on the third day, Sept. 10.

## Union Seminary Speaker At Local Church Sunday

A popular teacher and speaker, Dr. Cyril Richardson, professor of church history in Union Theological seminary, New York, will be the preacher in the Congregational church Sunday morning at 11. Dr. Richardson an outstanding church historian, is one of the younger leaders in the Episcopal church, and has become well known for his part in the discussion concerning the reunion of that denomination with the Presbyterians. He is the author of the best-selling volume, "The Church Through the Centuries," and of other books, including recently published "The Sacrament of Reunion." He has been spending the summer at the hotel, and his many friends in town will welcome the opportunity to hear him preach.

Mr. Dahl, the minister of the church, one of Dr. Richardson's students, will conduct the service, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Raymond from The Northfield, will assist in the musical portion of the service with several special numbers.

## Dies In New Jersey

Charles O'Keefe of Rutherford, N. J., a native of this town died in the Passaic hospital on Tuesday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe and left Northfield about 35 years ago. He had maintained the old family home on School street for many years and had twice visited it this summer. Besides his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Keefe, there are three daughters and a son. Funeral services were Thursday morning in Rutherford and the body was brought here for burial in St. Mary's cemetery this Friday morning.

## An Heirloom Party

The Northfield Historical society will hold an heirloom party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 8 p. m. The Westfield (Mass.) Historical society has been invited and it is expected that there will be a large gathering.

## Local Hobby Show Interested Many Folks Had Fine Exhibits

Somebody did a real bit of work, in the preparation of the hobby show, held by a Fortnightly committee on Wednesday afternoon and evening in the town hall, for the benefit of war relief. The exhibits were both interesting and attractive and were the accumulations of our own citizens. There were clocks, dishes, glassware, brass, silver, buttons, stamps, fancy articles, dolls, bottles, lamps, bracelets, jewelry, vases, quilts, war posters, miniature airplanes and nearly a hundred other classifications. Every visitor expressed much admiration and surprise at the splendid exhibits and as one said it was "worthy of a repetition." At six o'clock a supper was served in the lower room by the women of the Unitarian church.

## Storage of Gases A Timely Warning

Now that a curtailment of oils and gasolines supply seems probable, it seems timely to warn that any hoarding of the same should not be attempted. Accumulation either through hoarding or oversupply means storage, and here again one is reminded that the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Safety regulate the storage of all inflammable gases. From Section 4 we are told that "all inflammable gases shall be kept in approved cylinders and such cylinders when stored outside of buildings shall be kept in a dry location, not less than 50 feet from any building, shall be protected against direct rays of the sun, accumulation of ice and snow, and access by unauthorized persons with a lock type spring faucet. Not affected is gas in auto tanks. Fire Marshall Charles L. Johnson should be consulted whenever or wherever any gas or oils are stored, accumulated or in storage.

## Family Holds Picnic

Members of the Morgan family gathered at the picnic grounds of Mt. Grace reservation at Warwick last week Wednesday for an outing and to observe the 49th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan of this town. A most appetizing dinner was served and all enjoyed the event. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, the following attended: Mr. and Mrs. Miles Morgan, and sons, Edmund James and Daniel; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Turner and Ann Turner of Greenfield, Rev. and Mrs. Edward C. Morgan and children, Marcia, Edward and Kingsley of Huntington, Conn., Virginia Peterson, also of Huntington, and Mrs. D. R. Williams and daughter Joan.

## Grenfell's Son Weds

Announcement is made of the marriage of Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, son of the late Sir Wilfred Grenfell, founder of the Labrador Medical Mission, and the late Lady Grenfell, and Miss Nora Kingham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Kinghorn of Saranac Lake, N. Y., last Saturday at the church of St. John's at Paul Smith's, N. Y. The bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wyman B. Shaw and K. Pascoe Grenfell of Schenectady was his brother's best man. The couple first met during a lecture engagement of Sir Wilfred Grenfell at the Presbyterian church in that place. The Grenfell family often visited Northfield, and made their home in Charlotte, Vt.

## Recruiting Sub-station

The United States Navy has opened a new recruiting sub-station in the basement of the post office building in Greenfield. The hours are from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily and from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturdays. Men are being enlisted in the regular Navy between the ages of 17 and 31; in the Naval Reserve between the ages of 17 and 50. Men 17 and under 18 are enlisted until their 21st birthday; 18 and over, in the regular Navy for 6 years and for 4 years in the reserves. Men enlisting in the reserves are the same as the regular Navy, except that they will only be on active duty during the emergency. For further information visit the recruiting station in Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. McDermott of New Hyde Park, Long Island, are visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott at their cottage in Mountain Park.



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### Square Dances Popular In Pioneer Valley With Efficient Callers

This year more people than ever are attending the square dances held in many towns in Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts, according to a survey made by the Pioneer Valley association. At least 1500 people follow their favorite "callers" to the town halls or Grange halls in these New England towns and, believe it or not, at least half of them are 'teen age.

The Pioneer valley callers have achieved a local popularity that compares with the fame of the big time orchestra leaders in the cities. Farmers, railroad workers, truck drivers and chauffeurs by day, these callers usually handle three or four dances a week.

There are really three kinds of dances that come under the general heading of "squares." There is the strict square, known as a quadrille, in which four couples form a square and dance the figures. There is the "contra-dance" in which six boys form a line facing a line of six girls and go through the figures that way. Finally, there is the "circle dance" in which everyone in the room holds hands and couples go through figures along the whole circle. Quadrilles are the most popular here.

A typical dance is held in the South Amherst town hall each Wednesday evening. "Corky" Calkins is calling the squares to a following of young and old, whose enthusiasm rivals that of baseball fans. Everyone is seated around the hall when the orchestra strikes up a little tune which means that squares are about to form. Corky calls, "Eight hands around." Every man and boy starts for his lady and in almost no time at all the floor is covered with circles. "Sets in order," calls Corky, and the orchestra begins to play "The Weaving of the Green," a quadrille for which the changes were devised on a checker board by Jim LaSalle of Northampton, an old square dance fiddler.

The crowd does three squares in a group, after which there are three round dances, in which couples dance around the floor to the tune of some tried and true old waltz.

Corky calls three or four dances each week, works all day as a chauffeur at Mt. Holyoke college, is an active member of the home defense committee, and serves as a volunteer fireman. He is 43, and has been dancing all his life. Corky got into calling five years ago when he was asked to fill in during the absence of a caller in Whately. The dancers liked him so much that he has been turning down jobs ever since. He knows more than a hundred calls for all kinds of square dances, and is a member of the American Association of Barndance Callers.

Bill Spitzer, who calls the dances in Cummington and Huntington, got into calling by substituting for another caller in Westfield 12 years ago. Before that Bill was in demand at kitchen dances, affairs held in private homes. Now he attracts some of the biggest crowds in the area with his unique style of singing the melody. When Bill isn't calling at dances, he works on a farm in North Chester. He says if they'd only let him, he'd call squares until four in the morning, but all the dances end promptly at midnight.

One of the most experienced of all the "callers" is Ed Tierney of Westfield who is packing hundreds of devotees into the Grange hall in Chesterfield on Saturday nights. Ed, who has a repertoire of 125 calls, says that the calls used to be spoken without music and that the music is a recent addition. One of his favorites is a New England contra-dance called "Hull's Victory." Ed knows a number of rare dances, such as Washing Day; Jack-in-the-Box; and The Old Log Cabin. Ed is 43 and is a machinist in a Holyoke company.

Bro Lanoue of Charlemont is a railroad worker who is a caller at night. His popularity causes traffic trouble at times because crowds of young people line the roads begging for rides when he is driving to dances. There is a tremendous amount of vitality shown when he is calling, but no one ever gets out of hand. The results, in terms of design, are many beautiful and graceful patterns, forming and changing on the floor.

Lanoue has a pupil named Royal Ainsworth who has been calling for only four months. The crowd liked him so much that now, in addition to working for some milk dealers in Heath, he calls regularly at the Charlemont Community hall.

The dean of the Pioneer valley callers is Sammy Spring, who is 59. Sammy has called dances at the World's Fair and the National Folk Festival, and he has taught square dancing to some famous ballet dancers. Sammy plays his own "Golden Slipper" on Friday nights at the lovely restored New England village at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

The dances at Goshen are held on Fridays and the automobiles

### TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. John E. Nye and daughter, with friends from New Jersey, spent several days last week on a motor trip through the Adirondacks in New York state.

A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. W. Gordon Poole of Glen Falls in the hospital there, on Monday evening of this week. His name is David Allen. Mrs. Poole, well known here, is the daughter of Rev. J. L. Peacock who has a summer home on Rustic Ridge.

Harry L. Gingras has been away from his duties at the Northfield Pharmacy for a few days this week owing to illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Mason of Syracuse, N. Y., and their child are visiting his parents here, at their summer home on Linden street.

Mrs. H. P. Bruce and her daughter, Miss D. I. Bruce have closed their cottage on the Ridge and returned to their home at Locust Valley, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan are enjoying a two weeks vacation down on Cape Cod.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cobb have returned from their summer vacation spent in Maine and again he takes up his work as principal of the high school.

There will be a rehearsal next Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Grange hall for those taking part in the chorus at the Eastern State Exposition, Sept. 27. I. J. Lawrence will be in charge of the rehearsal. All those interested in singing are invited to participate.

Miss Alice Marie Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Q. Whitney of Mount Hermon was married Wednesday afternoon to Bernard George Neipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Neipp of Turners Falls. The wedding took place at the Baptist church in Turners Falls with Rev. George N. Mott officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove W. Deming of Mount Hermon have returned from a short vacation at Winsted, Ct.

Mrs. Ernest Leavitt is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright. She will soon leave for Ft. Bragg, N. C., where her husband has been transferred from Ft. Ethan Allen. He is a captain in the artillery.

County Bee Keepers met in an association meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Monday evening. Mr. Miller is president of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolcott of Brooklyn were recent guests of Mrs. Louise Barner LaBella at Sumac Lodge.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bullard and daughter have returned to their home in Jacksonville, Ill., after visiting Mrs. Carroll Rich and other relatives hereabouts.

Murray Pallam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pallam of Birnam road, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Franklin county hospital and is now making a fine recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahoney and daughter, Judith, who have been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones at their home in Vernon, have returned to their home in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Gaida of Millers Falls have purchased from Mrs. A. F. Bennett, the five room house and a half acre of land on the highway near the Bennett estate. After making some improvements and additions they will occupy for residence.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Shaw of lower Main street have closed their house and returned to their home in Philadelphia.

H. W. Doremas, who is spending the summer here, is enjoying an excursion "down in Maine."

Robert Birdsall, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Birdsall was injured while working on the Main street construction job last week Thursday afternoon. One foot was injured but X-rays showed no broken bones.

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line the roads on either side. Last week there were cars at Goshen from a dozen states. At Chesterfield on route 144, last Saturday night, a California station wagon was parked next to an Ohio convertible. Inside, a Chicago business man was whirling with a local school teacher, and a young farm boy was giving lessons to a girl from New York City.

Square dances are held regularly year around in Northfield and Greenfield. Northfield has a famous caller, named "Happy" Hale, who lives in Bernardston. Although a great many summer visitors attend the dances, the local people never think of eating to their particular tastes; in fact, the city people, who thought they knew square dancing, find there is much more vitality and enthusiasm in the New England dances.

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## TOWN TOPICS

William L. Ripley is at the home of his parents on Main St., after having been discharged from the U. S. Navy because of ill health.

Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, have closed their home on Main street, after spending the several summer months here, and are now on their way by motor to their residence in Orlando, Fla. They will stop at several places for a visit with friends on their way down.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y., who have spent the summer at their cottage here have returned to their home.

Mrs. James M. Lent, a summer resident of Rustic Ridge, has returned to her home in Providence, R. I., after the summer here.

Demetrius Raduloff, chef at Mt. Hermon school for over 30 years, is vacationing in Canada.

Robert Fuller of this town who recently underwent an operation in the Springfield hospital, has fully recovered and is now employed at the Greenfield Tap & Die corporation, Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griggs and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton of Winchester road are on a week's vacation by motor, largely to be spent at Wells Beach, Maine.

Dr. A. H. Wright who has been at the Farren Memorial hospital this week for rest and treatment has returned to his home to take up his practice.

Mr. and Mrs. George MacMillan are enjoying a motor tour this week about the interesting places on Cape Cod.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Miller and children of Winchester road are visiting relatives this week at Troy, N. Y.

The office of Dr. Richard G. Holton in the Bookstore building will be closed tomorrow, Aug. 30 to Sept. 8.

Miss Annie Herring of the staff of the Seminary, who has remained here during the conferences, is spending a two weeks' vacation with friends at Zebulon, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ball and their daughter, Marcia, are spending a vacation with Mrs. G. M. Ball at her summer home on Winchester hill. Mrs. Ball who made a short visit to New York has returned here.

Mrs. Francis C. Pinkham, who has been with Mrs. G. M. Ball for some time, has gone to Scarsdale, N. Y., to visit her son and his family for a two weeks' stay.

Charles L. Johnson of Main St., our efficient fire chief and forest warden, has been chosen as a traverse juror for the next term of superior court.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall and family are spending a vacation on the shores of Lake George in New York state.

Miss Alma Thomas and Miss Rhett Barrett of Medford are at their summer home at Northfield Farms.

The annual clambake of the Northfield Fish & Game association will be at Jewett's farm in Northfield Farms on Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Edgar B. Moore and his son, Robert M. Moore, who are spending the summer here with their families, have gone to the Rangely Lakes in Maine for a fishing excursion.

Miss Elma Leavis of Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dana Leavis at their home on Glenwood Ave. She is Mr. Leavis' sister.

Mrs. Dana Leavis and her son, Gordon, have returned to their home after a three weeks' visit in Boston.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 23, the Masonic Lodge of Instruction will be held with Mechanics Lodge at Turners Falls. This will be the first meeting for the fall and winter season.

Harmony Lodge of Masons are preparing to receive an official visit from the Deputy Grand Master on Friday evening, Sept. 19 at the Masonic hall on Parker avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Robbins have returned from a vacation spent in Maine.

Miss Sylvia Bliss, who has been the guest of Rev. Mary Andrews Conner has returned to her home at Calais, Vt., leaving this week. Mrs. Conner accompanied her for a visit there.

A. P. Fitt is spending a few days in Washington this week accompanied by E. M. Powell who has gone there on business. Mr. Powell's sons, Jack and David, went with them.

Quite a number of local church workers attended the meeting of the Bible conference of the Conn. Valley at Shutesbury in the Baptist church on Thursday. There were morning and afternoon sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Petts of Mount Hermon campus are enjoying a vacation at the home of her mother in Alabama.

Prof. Charles D. Thompson of Mount Hermon addressed an informal meeting of the hotel training class last weekend on his experiences in India.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krause are moving into the Levering house off Winchester road this week.



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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann and their daughter, Nancy, attended a reunion meeting of the Mann family on the Mount Grace reservation at Warwick last week.

Miss Mary Margaret McGiffin returned to her home in New York yesterday after several weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. William R. Moody. She will enter Vassar college this fall.

Mrs. Charles Dickerson of Oldwick, N. J., is a guest of Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead this week.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packard of Rye, N. Y., David and Billy, who have been here on a visit, returned to their home today in company with Miss Rita McHugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Roberts and son Russell, Jr., have returned from a week's vacation with relatives and friends in Connecticut.

Harmony Lodge of Masons will hold the opening session of its fall meetings at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Brown of New York City spent Tuesday in town and reported that Dr. Arthur J. Brown who has been quite ill is much improved in health.

## West Northfield and South Vernon

Services will be as usual next Sunday at the South Vernon church: Morning worship, 10:30; Sunday school, 11:45; Loyal Workers, 6:30; Evening service, 7:30. Midweek prayer meeting at the Vernon Home at 7 p. m. Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Holton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Theodore F. Darby, in Windsor, Vt.

Mrs. Agnes E. Chadbourne Valette Durfee, 88, wife of Rev. William H. Durfee, died Friday at the Vernon Home, where she had lived about 10 years. She was born in Providence, R. I., Dec. 19, 1850, the daughter of Nathan and Phoebe Chadbourne. Her marriage to Mr. Durfee took place about 52 years ago. She leaves one son, Walter A. Valette of Cranston, R. I., and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Kidder's parlors in Northfield, Saturday, with Rev. Benjamin White officiating.

Mr. Durfee accompanied the body to North Scituate, R. I., for burial, Sunday.

The Seventy club, composed of persons 70 and over, met at the Vernon church Wednesday afternoon and remained for the supper of the Ladies' Church Circle.

Rev. Maud Chadsey of Boston and Miss Ethel Keeney of Melrose were Sunday guests at the Vernon Home. Mrs. Chadsey spoke to the Sunday school on missionary work in India.

During the summer, while the South Vernon church was closed, it was repainted.

Miss Helen Scherlin is spending a two week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scherlin before resuming her teaching duties.

A son was born last Friday to Peter and Leona (Denyou) Butynski of Vernon at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

The Pond road has been completely resurfaced and covered with Tarvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dunklee and son, Courtland, are vacationing in Maine.

Miss Dorothy Wilder of Newfane, spent last weekend with her mother, Mrs. A. H. Farnum.

Miss Josephine Wozniak of New York City is at her home for a vacation visit, and Miss Helen Wozniak is also at her home from a summer spent at West Ossipee, N. H.

The South school P. T. A. will meet at the schoolhouse next Tuesday evening.

Schools in Vernon open next Tuesday. Miss Leonard of Rutland, Vt., is the new teacher at Center school.

Miss Onnie Bills and Mrs. Ruth Holton have completed their studies at the Keene (N. H.) Normal school.

Tom: So you met Marian today?

Dick: Yes, I hadn't seen her for 10 years.

Tom: Has she kept her girlish figure?

Dick: Kept it? She doubled it!

Dumb: Do you believe in free speech?

Bell: I sure do!

Dumb: Okay, let me use your phone.

## Betty Barclay's Jelly Shelf



**RIPE PLUM RELISH**  
¾ cups prepared fruit  
¾ cups sugar  
½ cup vinegar  
½ bottle fruit pectin

To prepare fruit, pit (do not peel) about 2 pounds fully ripe plums. Grind or chop fine; add ¼ to 1 teaspoon each cinnamon, cloves, and all-spice, or any desired combination of spices.

Measure sugar, prepared fruit, and vinegar into large kettle. Mix well.

Bring to a full rolling boil over hottest fire. Stir constantly before and while boiling. Boil hard 1 minute.

Remove from fire and stir in bottled fruit pectin. Skim; pour quickly. Pack in hot relish at once. Makes about 10 glasses (8 fluid ounces each).

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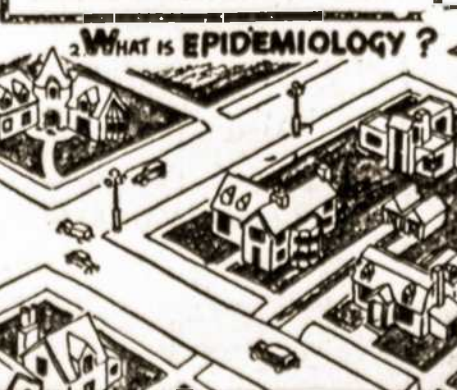
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3. In 1855 he published a paper which described two diseases—one rather well-known by his own name—Addison's disease—the other, the disease now known as "pernicious anemia."



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## EDITORIAL

### THE INSURANCE DOLLAR

In talking with A. P. Fitt the other day, he suggested some information regarding insurance, and said people ought to know just how their money is divided when purchasing insurance coverage. Many feel that insurance is costly, and so cover their properties insufficiently. When destruction comes, they realize to their sorrow that their reimbursement is not enough to duplicate the loss. It's a good plan to carry sufficient insurance, but here's the information you should have. Of every insurance dollar there is returned to the public in losses paid 43.27 cents; employees' salaries and agents' commissions take 37.23 cents; rents and other management expenses takes 5.49 cents; local, state and federal taxes (not including real estate taxes) takes 4.18 cents; increase in unearned premium reserves, takes 6.91 cents; and addition to surplus and special reserves, takes 3.92 cents.

### FIRST AID CLASS

The success of the first aid class conducted in town and its large enrollment is a gratifying success. It was sponsored by our committee on public safety and the instruction was that of the Red Cross, whose certificates were issued. The class bears witness to the patriotism of our citizens and reflects credit upon its sponsors, but nonetheless upon the personal effort of Miss Hazel Schooley who has devoted herself to the success of the project.

### TOO MUCH VICTORY

An emperor of ancient times, after winning a great battle, said this: "One more such victory, and I will be ruined." His losses of men and material had been so great that victory left his people weary, exhausted, and low in morale.

Some think that maybe Hitler's fate even if he finally subdues Russia. At a conservative estimate he has lost, in killed and wounded, 1,000,000 men, and they are the cream of the Reichswehr. In the meantime, his main opponent, the English are suffering almost no casualties and are growing stronger fast.

### Know Massachusetts

by State Planning Board

Do you know that between Oct. 31, 1916 and Oct. 31, 1918, approximately the war period, saving in Massachusetts saving institutions increased from about \$1,088,205,000 to \$1,142,809,000 a gain of \$54,604,000, notwithstanding that more than one billion dollars of Liberty bonds and war savings stamps were bought in Massachusetts in the same period. . . . Associated Industries of Massachusetts report that the value of orders received by Massachusetts manufacturers during July this year was 109 per cent more than in July 1940, the biggest gains occurring in textiles, metal products and miscellaneous other lines. . . . Massachusetts' nickname is "The Bay State"; its official motto: "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty"; its state flower is the mayflower; its state tree is the elm. . . . Massachusetts ranks 44th among the states in area. . . . A book published by the secretary of the Commonwealth in 1920 gives the historical record of each city, town and county of the state, including former changes of name and boundaries, date of incorporation, etc. . . . Of the 435 places



### Grapes For Jelly Days

By Frances Lee Barton

UNTIL a plentiful supply of grapes has been transformed into jars of luscious jelly — the kind that always goes before winter is over, no matter how many jars we make. Venison jelly (made from grapes) is an ideal gift for that ill friend, or that well one; ideal for the church supper; ideal for the family table.

#### Venison Jelly

(Using fresh grapes)  
4 cups (3 lbs.) juice; 7 cups (3 lbs.) sugar; 1/2 bottle fruit pectin.  
To prepare juice, stem about 3 pounds fully ripe grapes and crush thoroughly. Add 1/2 cup apple vinegar, 1 teaspoon cloves, and 2 teaspoons cinnamon. Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer 10 minutes. Place fruit in jelly cloth or bag and squeeze out juice.

Measure sugar and juice into large saucepan and mix. Bring to a boil over hottest fire and at once add bottled fruit pectin, stirring constantly. Then bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1/4 minute. Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Paraffin hot jelly at once. Makes about 11 glasses. (6 fluid ounces each).

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listed, some of which are now non-existent, 106 were first officially recorded in the 17th century, 222 in the 18th century, 104 in the 19th century, and three in the 20th century. . . . At a recent town meeting, the town of Marshfield voted to adopt a complete replanning of the area that was burned, the most outstanding demonstration of advanced town planning in the history of the Commonwealth.

### The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Oleson

Do you realize that summer has passed into the dim past? Well, not exactly, but that's the feeling I had up at Farm and Home Week when I listened to a gentlemen talking on "Fall Lawn Seeding of the Lawn."

We home gardeners all know that autumn or early fall—from the first of September to the middle of October—is the most ideal time to seed a new lawn. Of course, the reason I sat in on the lawn meeting is that I really plan to put in a new lawn on one part of my grounds this fall. I hope to make it into a croquet and badminton court. The kiddos are getting to the age where they can play croquet, and the old man— that means me—can still chase a badminton "bird" around for a few minutes without becoming exhausted.

Just in case you're planning a new lawn, here is what the gentleman said. Grass seed germinates naturally at this time of year, and the early fall rains and cool nights are quite beneficial to young grass seedlings. On the other hand, weeds, as a rule, go through the winter before they germinate again. Start anytime during August to prepare the seed bed for fall planing. Begin

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by ploughing or spading the area. Then follow this with cultivation to eliminate any weeds which may germinate between now and the time you seed.

A properly-prepared seed bed should be fertile, from 5 to 6 inches deep, and uniform in character. It should be neither too wet nor too dry, and well supplied with organic matter. Most New England soils will stand improvement by the addition of organic matter, such as well-rotted barn manure, peat moss, leaf mold, or other similar material. Feed these into the upper five or six inches of the top soil at the rate of about one cubic yard for each 1,000 square feet of lawn area. Then at the last cultivation before seeding, put on a complete fertilizer. The main fertilizer element that stimulates root growth is phosphorous, and the one that promotes leaf growth is nitrogen. Hence, use a fertilizer such as a 4-12-4 or 5-10-5. Use it at the rate of 20 or 30 pounds to 1,000 square feet and work it thoroughly into the upper 3 or 4 inches of soil. If lime is needed, it can be added at the same time, but be sure to put on the fertilizer and the lime before seeding.

If the Japanese beetle is in your territory, it is advisable to thoroughly mix arsenate of lead into the upper inch or so of soil before seeding. Put this on at the rate of 7 to 10 pounds per thousand square feet. This also tends to keep other grubs and worms from becoming a nuisance in your new lawn.

If necessary, roll the lawn in order to show up the irregular areas. Then rake and rake it in order to get a level surface. If this is done several times, you will prepare a good seed bed and have a well-finished grade.

Three to five pounds of grass seed per thousand square feet is the usual rate. Divide the seed in half and sow one half while walking one way of the lawn and the other half while walking the other way. After seeding, cover the

seed lightly by raking with an iron-tooth rake. Then follow by a thorough raking in two directions. This presses the seed into the soil and packs the seed bed, which helps stimulate germination and growth. Immediately after seeding, raking, and rolling, sprinkle gently and thoroughly with a fine spray. The ground should be kept moist at all times, and by all means, after germination. The young tender grass seedlings must never suffer from lack of water. However, once the lawn has started to grow, give it a thorough soaking rather than a sprinkling. Perhaps that's enough for this time on lawns. Next time I write I'll give you some seed mixtures and other suggestions on the care of old lawns during the fall.

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